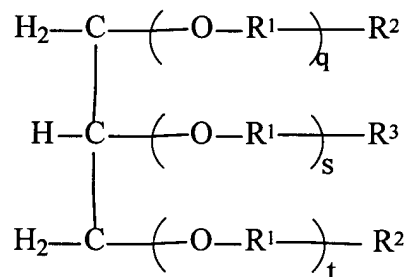


**AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS:**

Please replace all prior claim listings with that which appears below, in which Claims 1, 2, 4, and 7-10 have been amended and Claims 21-24 have been added to read as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A free-radical curable composition which is washable and self-emulsifiable upon mixing with water consisting essentially of comprising:

(a) a curable glycerol composition having the formula:

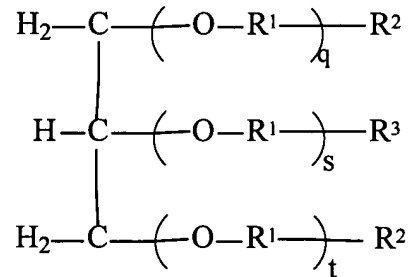


wherein R<sup>1</sup> is a C<sub>1</sub> to C<sub>5</sub> alkylene; R<sup>2</sup> and R<sup>3</sup> are independently selected from the group consisting of hydroxyl, (meth)acrylate and combinations thereof; q, s and t are independently from about 0 to about 35; provided that at least one of said R<sup>2</sup> is said (meth)acrylate; at least one q, s or t, is not zero and that at least one of said R<sup>1</sup> is ethyl or propyl; and

(b) a free radical initiator to initiate cure of said composition.

2. (Currently Amended) A free-radical curable composition which is washable and self-emulsifiable upon mixing with water comprising:

(a) a curable glycerol composition having the formula:



wherein R<sup>1</sup> is a C<sub>1</sub> to C<sub>5</sub> alkylene; R<sup>2</sup> and R<sup>3</sup> are independently selected from the group consisting of hydroxyl, (meth)acrylate and combinations thereof; q, s and t are independently from about 0 to about 35; provided that at least one of said R<sup>2</sup> is said (meth)acrylate; at least one q, s or t, is not zero and that at least one of said R<sup>1</sup> is ethyl or propyl; and

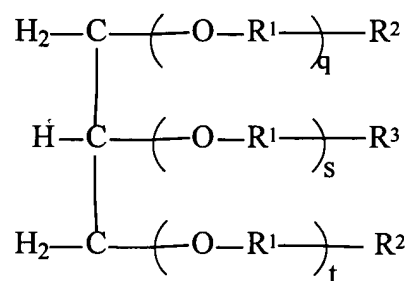
(b) a free radical initiator to initiate cure of said composition, ~~The composition of claim 1~~ wherein said free radical initiator includes a heat-curing initiator to produce free radicals by thermal decomposition to cure said sealant.

3. (Original) The composition of claim 2 wherein the heat-curing initiator is selected from the group consisting of a

peroxide, a hydroperoxide, a perester, an azonitrile and combinations thereof.

4. Currently Amended) A free-radical curable composition which is washable and self-emulsifiable upon mixing with water comprising:

(a) a curable glycerol composition having the formula:



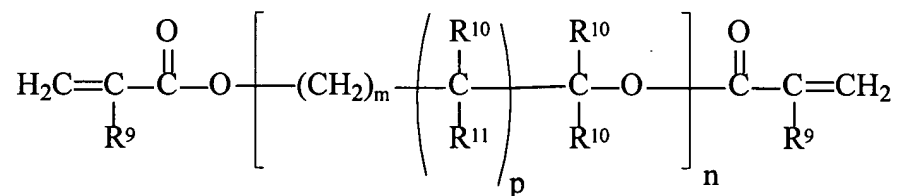
wherein R<sup>1</sup> is a C<sub>1</sub> to C<sub>5</sub> alkylene; R<sup>2</sup> and R<sup>3</sup> are independently selected from the group consisting of hydroxyl, (meth)acrylate and combinations thereof; q, s and t are independently from about 0 to about 35; provided that at least one of said R<sup>2</sup> is said (meth)acrylate; at least one q, s or t, is not zero and that at least one of said R<sup>1</sup> is ethyl or propyl; and

(b) a free radical initiator to initiate cure of said composition, ~~The composition of claim 1~~ wherein said free radical initiator includes an anaerobic-curing initiator to produce free radicals upon the exclusion of oxygen to cure said sealant.

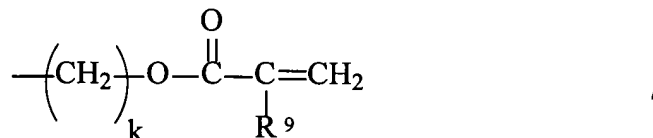
5. (Original) The composition of claim 4 wherein said anaerobic-curing initiator is a peroxy initiator selected from the group consisting of hydroperoxides, peroxides, peresters and combinations thereof.

6. (Original) The composition of claim 4 wherein said anaerobic-curing initiator includes an anaerobic accelerator selected from the group consisting of tributyl amine, benzoic sulfimide, formamide, copper octanoate and combinations thereof.

7. (Currently Amended) The composition of claim ~~4~~ 2 further including a poly(meth)acrylate ester having the formula:

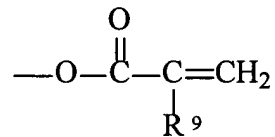


wherein R<sup>10</sup> represents a radical selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, lower alkyl of from 1 to about 4 carbon atoms, hydroxyalkyl of from 1 to about 4 carbon atoms and



R<sup>9</sup> is a radical selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, halogen, and lower alkyl of from 1 to about 4 carbon atoms; R<sup>11</sup>

is a radical selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, hydroxyl and



m is 0 to about 12, n is equal to at least 1, k is 1 to about 4 and p is 0 or 1.

8. (Currently Amended) The composition of claim ~~±~~ 2 further including a monofunctional acrylate ester, said monofunctional acrylate ester being selected from the group consisting of lauryl methacrylate, cyclohexylmethacrylate, tetrahydrofurfuryl methacrylate, hydroxyethyl acrylate, hydroxypropyl methacrylate, t-butylaminoethyl methacrylate, cyanoethylacrylate, chloroethylmethacrylate and combinations thereof.

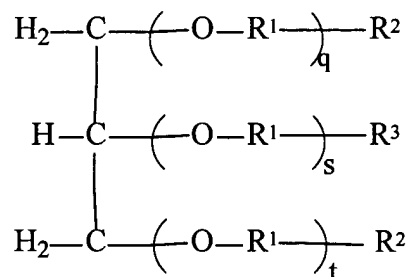
9. (Currently Amended) The composition of claim ~~±~~ 2 further including an ionic surfactant, an anionic surfactant and combinations thereof.

10. (Currently Amended) The composition of claim ~~±~~ 2 wherein R<sup>1</sup> is ethyl, propyl or a combination thereof.

Claims 11-19 (Canceled).

20. (Previously Presented) A method of anaerobically or thermally sealing a porous article comprising:

(a) selecting a curable glycerol composition having the formula:



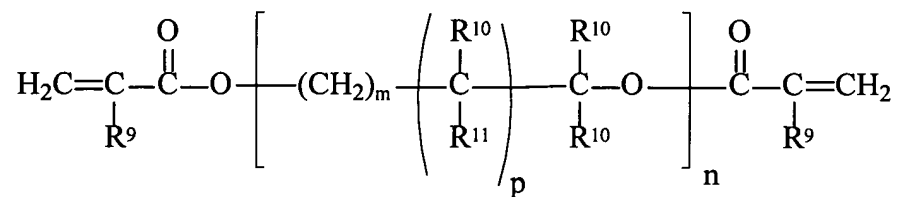
wherein  $\text{R}^1$  is a  $\text{C}_1$  to  $\text{C}_5$  alkyl or combinations thereof;  $\text{R}^2$  and  $\text{R}^3$  are independently selected from the group consisting of hydroxyl, (meth)acrylate and combinations thereof;  $q$ ,  $s$  and  $t$  are independently from about 0 to about 35; provided that at least one of said  $\text{R}^2$  is said (meth)acrylate; at least one  $q$ ,  $s$  or  $t$ , is not zero and that at least one of said  $\text{R}^1$  is ethyl or propyl; and

(b) selecting a free radical initiation to initiate curing of said curable glycerol;

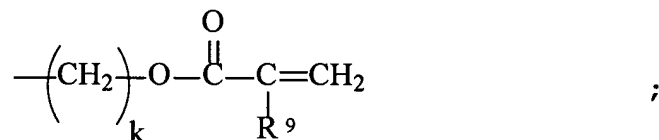
(c) impregnating pores of said article with said curable glycerol and said initiator, and

(d) washing said curable glycerol from a surface of said article in a wash tank containing an aqueous solution.

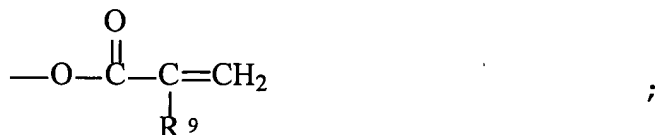
21. (New) The composition of claim 4 further including a poly(meth)acrylate ester having the formula:



wherein  $\text{R}^{10}$  represents a radical selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, lower alkyl of from 1 to about 4 carbon atoms, hydroxyalkyl of from 1 to about 4 carbon atoms and



$\text{R}^9$  is a radical selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, halogen, and lower alkyl of from 1 to about 4 carbon atoms;  $\text{R}^{11}$  is a radical selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, hydroxyl and



m is 0 to about 12, n is equal to at least 1, k is 1 to about 4 and p is 0 or 1.

22. (New) The composition of claim 4 further including a monofunctional acrylate ester, said monofunctional acrylate ester being selected from the group consisting of lauryl methacrylate, cyclohexylmethacrylate, tetrahydrofurfuryl methacrylate, hydroxyethyl acrylate, hydroxypropyl methacrylate, t-butylaminoethyl methacrylate, cyanoethylacrylate, chloroethylmethacrylate and combinations thereof.

23. (New) The composition of claim 4 further including an ionic surfactant, an anionic surfactant and combinations thereof.

24. (New) The composition of claim 4 wherein R<sup>1</sup> is ethyl, propyl or a combination thereof.